

# **THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

## **RESOLUTION 60-2019**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT AND A CONTRACT WITH CLEAR SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR THE RETOFITTING OF CERTAIN AREAS OF THE TOWN HALL BUILDING TO PROVIDE FOR AND INSTALL BUILDING SECURITY MEASURES FOR EMPLOYEES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Introduced by: Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Town Council has the authority to approve the procurement of goods and services pursuant to Code Section 20.4 and Charter, Section 33-63(a) requires that all purchases and contracts for the Town government shall be made by the Mayor and Council and;

WHEREAS, specifically Town Charter, Section 33-63(g) sets forth the procedure for waiving the competitive bidding requirements of said section for good cause shown for sole source procurements of unique products and services and;

WHEREAS, Town Code, Section 20.4(6) further provides for the procurement of goods and services over \$10,000.00 allows for Mayor and Town Council to exempt the purchase of goods and services from the required competitive selection process when the purchase qualifies as a sole-source procurement as a result of certain circumstances and;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that said contractor has performed similar building security work for other governmental agencies in Maryland and there are very few general contractors and glass contractors who are well-versed in bullet resistant systems, UL rated materials, and proper designs, and that Bullet Resistant Glazing (BRG) systems are a unique niche product in part because it needs to be functional, fully secure, and pleasing to look at and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council Town have determined that because this procurement is of a specialized nature and by virtue of the experience and expertise of Clear Security Systems and its history in this and other geographic areas with clientele such as banks, court houses and other government facilities, this firm could most satisfactorily provide this unique product and service and;

WHEREAS, it is an unfortunate truism that in today's workplace environment there are all too many incidents of workplace violence, active shooter scenarios and other potential violence and;

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WHEREAS, it is a necessity to develop and enact workplace response plans, actions and reactions to protect employees and the general public in the unfortunate event that such a scenario arises here and;

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan to address said potential workplace violence issues based on certain vulnerabilities that exist in terms of certain building access and security issues and;

WHEREAS, in response to this matter, the Police Chief and Town Administrator recommend certain upgrades and retrofitting of the Town Hall building to help protect the employees and general public and;

WHEREAS, during the process of researching this issue, the Town consulted with Clear Security Systems which has provided the Town with a plan and related improvements to address potential workplace violence that would significantly secure the Town Hall building and its employees and visitors and;

WHEREAS, said plan and related products have been shared and discussed with the Mayor and Town Council who have provided input concerning feasibility factors and;

WHEREAS, Clear Security Systems has proposed said plan and products that would address the needs for security and safety concerns expressed by both the Mayor and Town Council and;

WHEREAS, the total cost for construction and completion of the project would be \$37,00.00 and the proposal and contract are attached hereto to as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute on behalf of the Town a contract with Clear Security Systems in the amount of \$37,00.00 to be paid from Budget line item 7223.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the Mayor signing the approved proposal/contract with Clear Security Systems, said company shall provide a certificate of good standing, proof of insurance and a signed waiver and release indemnifying the Town, to the satisfaction of the Town Administrator;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby authorizes and approves the Mayor on behalf of the Town to execute any other related instrument or document necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

PASSED this 7 day of October 2019.

**APPROVED:** By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>Yea</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>Yea</u>
MANN	<u>Yea</u>
BARNES	<u>Yea</u>
HINES	<u>Yea</u>
WASHINGTON	<u>Yea</u>
NOBLE	<u>Nay</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Resolution No. 60-19 was passed by the required yea and nay vote of the Mayor and Council of Forest Heights on the 7 day of October 2019.

ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN  
OF FOREST HEIGHTS

### SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta B. Hawkins, Town Clerk

By:

### SIGNATURE ON FILE

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

By:

### SIGNATURE ON FILE

Calvin Washington, Council President